

THE MAIL.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH, 1896.

CONSOLATION FROM SIR DONALD.

Sir Donald A. Smith's speech on the Remedial Bill, throws some light on a dark spot in the original negotiations. Here is a section of the speech:

While nothing was written in the bill of rights regarding separate schools it was understood that an educational system was included in the rights which were to be preserved. The fact that the first Manitoba legislature at its first sitting passed a school law supporting this, as many of the members of the legislature had been members of the convention and the introduction of legislation establishing separate schools showed that the promises made to the natives were fresh in memory.

We all along heard those bills of right enjoined separate schools on the province, yet Sir Donald says the only reference they made to them was in what they did not contain. It will strike most people as strange that if it was intended they should contain an obligation on this, one of the most important interests to the original settlers of the country, some reference would be made to it in the written bill, but there was none. Sir Donald is also mistaken in saying that the adoption of separate schools by the first sitting of the first parliament was the result of a pre-confederation understanding. They were the creation of the apparent necessities of the times, as all legislative enactments are. The pre-confederation schools of the country were characteristically denominational—the Protestant schools intensely Protestant and the Catholic schools intensely Catholic. As men do not change their minds on such matters in a moment, on the first parliament assemblage, Protestant representatives had of course nothing but Protestant schools before them, and as a result they, of course, had to concede Catholic schools to Catholics, and the more especially as half the population and half of the representation of the assembly were Catholic. When there was no written obligation, of a pre-confederation character, as Sir Donald admits there was none, it goes without saying that if the province at one bound jumped into the present condition of things we would never have heard of the separate schools Act 1871. Had nine-tenths of the population in 1871 been Protestants and were these Protestants then content with a system of schools as little Protestant as the present system is our word for it the majority would never have conceded separate schools to the Catholics. It was only when they insisted on placing themselves in line with their pre-confederation predilections, that they conceded equal privileges to the other section of the people.

THAT SCHOOL BILL.

The Nor-Wester, in flaring headlines rejoices over the second reading of the Remedial Bill. There are some men who would rejoice if they saw the rope cut for their own necks, though, of course, there are not many of such. Of course the second reading must not be taken as the voice of the measure. It will now go before a committee, and whether or not the fathers of the measure will recognize it, when it gets through the paining process there is another question. There is no doubt but that both governments now see their mistake—the Ottawa authorities in issuing that remedial order and the Manitoba combination in standing so much on ceremony. The understanding now however is there will be a conference of all parties interested at Winnipeg and the Manitoba House has adjourned for that purpose. Some say Laurier will attend that conference, but this is hardly likely as he knows to meet the demands of Quebec, he will have to ask for more than Manitoba will be willing to concede. If again the Ottawa government comes on a high horse, it is a moral certainty nothing will come of the meeting. Manitoba may be willing to revise its list of text books to some extent out of deference to the wishes of the minority, and it may allow Catholic opening and closing exercises where the school population is wholly R. Catholic and some other unimportant concessions, but it can never concede a second system under any circumstances. Greenway knows this province will never stand separate schools, and he will hardly sink himself in the soup for the sake of getting the Ottawa government out of a serious difficulty. If at the Winnipeg conference, a settlement is reached, when the adjourned Legislature meets in April, a Bill will be put through in terms of the settlement. No matter what comes of the conference, the public may make up their minds the Bill as now before the Ottawa House will never get a third reading in present form. The government knows such a measure could only end in expensive litigation with no practical benefits to anyone. We will now only have to await developments.

Ottawa, March 18.—Senator Perley gives notice that he will inquire of the government about what time the visit of Lieutenant-Governor Mackintosh in Ottawa will be completed and if his visit has been an enjoyable one; whether the government thinks it right or fair to the Northwest Territories that the lieutenant-governor should be allowed so long a leave of absence; whether his travelling expenses to Ottawa and return will be paid by the country; whether he receives \$5 a day extra allowance during his absence; whether his private secretary, who is his son, gets \$50 a month during his three months' visit to Ottawa; whether the Northwest Territories exhibition accounts could not have been made up at Regina if the governor had been there; and how much it cost to have Mr. Pope come to Ottawa to make up these accounts and also what the amount of the outstanding account is, and when it is the intention of lieutenant-governor to return to Regina?

There are others besides the MAIL who think Canada is being fleeced every day for the benefit of its partisan pets. Now, who is McIntosh, and what has he done for Canada more than the average man, that he and his family should be allowed to milk the public cow after this manner. If the public would only become posted on the extravagances that are going on in this way from day to day and secure the pledges of candidates for reform, this outrageous conduct would soon become a thing of the past. The general answer a partisan makes when questioned on these matters is "The others are just or bad." Granting this to be the case, is it going to run on forever? Get a pledge for economy from your candidates before you pledge them your votes, and this reign of extravagance will soon close.

In the House on Tuesday night Mr. H. C. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Morton. That in the opinion of this House, the elevator monopoly existing throughout the province should be removed, as it is detrimental to the interests of the people generally.—Carried.

With head lines an inch deep the Brandon Sun quotes the foregoing with the "speech" of Mr. H. C. Graham in the Local House. This, of course, squelches the elevator monopoly in Manitoba, and the whole of Canada, for that matter, for does not Mr. Graham's influence and oratory extend from "shore to shore." People will now wonder why Mr. Graham did not motion and orate some 13 years ago, and have all this trouble nipped at its inception.

The Nor-Wester says:

It is said that the commission will ask that Roman Catholics be allowed to select their own text books, have their own religious instructions and share the public grant.

If that is the least the commission will accept, which is virtually separate schools with government aid, they may just as well stay at home. Manitoba will never again concede state aided separate schools, and Messrs. Daly and Co. cannot force them on her.

One thing the people of this province would like to know and that is "Would J. M. Robinson, of the Brandon Times," accept "The Conservative for revenue" support the present school Bill at Ottawa if introduced by Laurier. Come, J. M., rise up and say.

The government's excuse for the thin baited paper in Norfolk constituency by which the returning officers could see how every elector voted, is that the result could not be accounted for by intimidation. The paper was thin, but not nearly so thin as the excuse.

GRISWOLD.

Grisswold, March 17.—The ladies of the Presbyterian church held a very successful tea social at Mrs. McEwen's residence on Thursday evening. There was a large number of people present and every one was more than satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

Mr. Allan Young, Mr. McComb, Mr. Fred Speers and several others went to Brandon on No. 2 this morning on business. There must be something important on down there when so many of our citizens can get up in the morning in time to catch No. 2.

Mr. A. B. Bowman, M.A., of Winnipeg, arrived last night to take charge of our school as principal. He comes highly recommended from Winnipeg, and has a wide experience in high school teaching at that point and other places.

Mr. Irwin, of the Massey-Harris Co., is very busy these days getting out seeders and other implements for the spring trade.

Assistant Superintendent Milestone, of the C. P. R., passed east on a freight train this evening in his private car.

Wheat has been coming in fast for the last few days and the elevators are getting pretty well filled up. The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. elevator is about as full as it will stand to-night, but a couple of empty cars placed there by a passing freight will relieve them again. It is estimated that about one quarter of last year's crop is still unmarketed.

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W. H. Mallett.

Trout Lake, Ont., Jan. 2, 1896.

Dear Sir:—For a number of years I have used and sold your "Dr. Moore's Indian Root Pills." I consider them the very best for "Family Use," and all customers speak highly of them. Yours truly, R. Lawson.

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THE DAIRY

REMODELING A BARN.

One With a Basement Is Most Comfortable For Stock.

There is some controversy concerning the comparative value of a bank or basement barn, and one built on level ground. Having used both, I decidedly believe that farmers who contemplate building a new barn should build a basement barn, or remodeling an old barn with a basement. It is economical, warm, and, if well ventilated, will be most comfortable for stock. Do not give fodder directly from above, but have special alleys, wide



Fig. 1.—Barn layout showing stalls and alleys.

The dimensions of a barn are not essential, but it is important that your stalls be of the right size. Allow five feet for single stalls for horses, and three feet for cattle. The illustration shows a single stall for a horse, and a double stall for cattle. The double stall is built on an eight-foot square wall on three sides of the rectangle, the fourth, hatted and prepared the other side as shown in the plan. It is very satisfactory, and I have made many such barns in the central west, and they are generally considered comparatively small spaces. Fig. 1 is the old barn, and Fig. 2 is the new one. It had been passed from the state and remodeled. Fig. 2 is the ground plan showing the arrangement of the stalls.

For tying cattle, I find a chain most satisfactory. In my stalls I place a two-inch working rope and down of the chain. One end of the working rope is fastened to the top of the partition and the other to the top of the chain in a similar manner. The chain passed along this partition and the neck of the animal adjoins

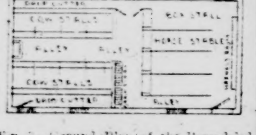


Fig. 2.—Ground Plan of the Remodeled Barn.

plenty of room while eating and lying down, but keeps the animal in place. My cow stalls have a six-inch drop, the length of stalls, varying in proportion to the length of the body. They are built with a partition in the middle, so that each animal has his own feed. This is an important point where animals of different ages are stalled together. In all well-ventilated stalls, a good feed rack, accessible from both ends, is a great advantage. The feed rack should be in a convenient place. This feature will be found in the accompanying plan. H. B. Elliott, in Chicago Daily Tribune.

THE VEGETABLE.

It is well known that the Journal of Chemistry, that the vegetables are food of man and animals, and this is true of wild animals as those domesticated. Many vegetables are used as food for man and animals, and this is true of wild animals as those domesticated. Many vegetables are used as food for man and animals, and this is true of wild animals as those domesticated.

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The next distinct change came when the sleeve came closely to the arm at the shoulder and for a few inches below it the puff not appearing until the elbow was reached. Some women, regarded as eccentric, wore it sleeve wide at the elbow and then it came to the arm. The sleeve with the puff at the elbow, there appeared a small tight-fitting to the elbow, flared there in a ruffle and continuing nearly to the wrist, where it ended in a bell cuff. This cuff, which the ruffle, will be much the vogue during the spring and summer. The sleeve next in order is the plain old-time cuff sleeve, which the new tailor-made gowns are showing.

Not every woman will wear at first this small, tight-fitting and perfect plain cuff sleeve. It will appear in many and varied degrees. One of the new sleeves for tailor gowns is really the cuff sleeve a trifle larger than usual. The material is put in the shoulder seam in small plaits, and the flange of the cuff shows all the way down the arm. This seam is then stitched or trimmed with a line of tiny buttons, or in some sleeves the seam is wrapped with leather. The cuff will be high in favor and will appear not only on cloth, but silk and organdy gowns. This cuff is particularly graceful and pretty, especially when the hand is slender. It may be made to look like a well-shaped bell, or it may be slashed and trimmed with lace. There is no doubt that before the summer is over the gowns of all the sleeve fashions will cling tightly to the wearer's arm from shoulder to wrist. But as yet the designs for the summer sleeves show a certain degree of fullness.

Women who do not care to adopt the extremes in fashion will be devoted to the tishy sleeve which hangs in graceful fullness from shoulder to wrist. The newest bishop sleeves are smaller than ever before and are made with a variety of different cuffs. The bishop sleeve is the sleeve of the coming summer shirt waist.

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BIG SLEEVES DOOMED.

Inside History of Their Rise, Decline and Fall.

The small sleeve is here. It has come straight from Paris and promises to be the most striking feature of the new spring styles. Tailor-made gowns are already being displayed with the genuine cut sleeve, which plainly outlines the shape of the arm. But it has not been without a struggle that the small sleeve has come to be the vogue again.

This is the history of the big sleeve. In 1860 the tight sleeve was at the height of its glory. It clung closely to the arm and seemed the suggestion of a ruffe or any trimming which would increase its size. In the summer of 1866 the small sleeve gradually began to grow larger. The first step in the transformation was upward. Fullness was added at the shoulder and then arranged in a puff, which in exaggerated cases nearly reached the ear. The reign of this sleeve was short. It was said to have a bad effect upon nervous women.

After the fall of the high puff the sleeves began to broaden out completely at the shoulders. This sleeve went through many changes. First it was very full at the shoulder, and the fullness had a tendency to droop. Then the fullness was stuffed little by little until the upper part of the sleeve



Diagram showing the transition from a full sleeve to a fitted sleeve.

spread out at the shoulder as straight as a board. In order that the contrast between this part of the sleeve and the lower part should not be too marked fullness was added all along the arm. From the sleeve the balloon was developed, which needs no description because it has so recently been with us. Its beauty and its horrors are yet distinctly remembered. Only last December box parties at the theatre looked like a brilliant array of sleeves with the faces of women almost lost among them.

But now sleeves made the cape popular. They were not mere puffs of coat sleeves that can be counted; they doubled in size, and many of them were made of material that was not only of the same quality as the coat, but was also of the same color. The sleeve was now a part of the dress, and it was no longer a mere puff of air.

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EVENING DRESS.

Velvet Over-Bodice for Evening Gown.

When it is possible to change an evening bodice by some simple device in velvet, silk or lace, it gives variety to the wardrobe at small cost to the owner. Young girls usually welcome any suggestions of this kind, especially if the transformation is easily made. The velvet shows an over-bodice of velvet which covers the dress bodice from shoulders to waist line over the front and back.

This over-bodice is made in skeleton shape, open under the arms and is cut out at the neck in the same shape as the bodice. It is confined at the waist by a belt made of the velvet laid in folds. This belt is fastened at the side under the shoulder buttons, and the edge of the velvet over-bodice is trimmed with narrow regular lace insertion.

The bodice is easily slipped on over the regular bodice waist, and will be found a dressy addition to an evening gown of either woolen, silk or this material. Vests of gauze, lace net and chiffon are fashionable for evening gowns, and frequently the sleeves are also made of the same material.

Thin fabrics are usually made over satin, the full vest or plastron hanging loose from the lining and not in the drooping effect which has been popular. Flat vests of silk are often covered with chiffon in knifefolds that are drawn down to fit snugly over the silk, or the lace is frequently of heavy weave and shaped to fit plainly over the form.

For full thin vests and plastrons, there is a variety of materials to choose from. White chiffon is delicately embroidered in silk and sequins, and white satin in beads, gold thread, silk, sequins and jewels. The stones that represent jewels light up the costume and are very effective.

For heavier materials there is nothing more dressy for these vests than velvet, and the full velvet vest, when the figure is not too stout, is most desirable. The cherry, green, turquoise and violet shades in velvet are frequently seen.

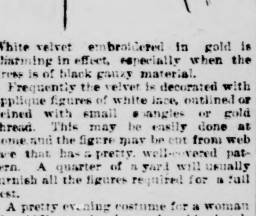


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White velvet embroidered in gold is charming in effect, especially when the dress is of black gauzy material. Frequently the velvet is decorated with applique faces of white lace, outlined or veined with small angles or gold thread. This may be easily done at home and the figure may be cut from web paper that has a pretty, well-voiced pattern. A quarter of a yard will usually furnish all the figures required for a full vest.

A pretty evening costume for a woman of middle age is shown by this sketch and could easily be copied in any suitable material. The original is of black broad-satin, made with full flaring skirt that just reaches the floor, and is six yards wide at the bottom. The round waist has a full plaited front and plain back, and the material is cut out under the yoke and the skirt, which is extended over the top of the sleeve.

The sleeves are made with a puff to the elbow, and the needed touch of color for the costume is applied by collar, cuffs, belt and bow of yellow satin ribbon in five-inch width. Long pale yellow suede gloves in evening length are worn with this costume and a black feather fan is carried.

Such a gown might be worn at a dinner party or any full-dress evening entertainment, and is equally appropriate as a costume to be worn by the bride's mother at a wedding.

Coronations Are Popular. The coronation, with its rich bloom, exquisite fragrance and hardness of petals, is once more springing into favor, and florists say, so popular has it become in the last few weeks, it is difficult to meet the demand for just the perfect sort of blossom that is the order of the fashionable set. For the straggling attenuated flower that is sold on the street corner for 10 cents a dozen is not by any means the coronation that is seen on the lapel of the swell, nor in the corsage of the belle of the Patriarch's ball.

The coronation of '96 has a mass of fringed petals that measure three inches across and round up like a tiny bouquet. The stems live with the American Beauty in length, and the foliage is cultivated to a wonderful degree of perfection. A coronation much in vogue for the theater and reception bouquets is the pink-blossom. It is large and substantial, and of the bluish-flesh color. This variety of coronation, rather with sprays of lilies of the valley, is a favorite "coming out" bouquet for the mid-winter debutante. The Scott is a deeper shade of pink blossom, and used with deep red and pure white coronations, in a huge bouquet measuring three-quarters of a yard in diameter, is much affected by the fashionable matron. Closely packed bunches of six or eight coronations are the latest thing for the coronation bouquet, and so much worn this season, and it is said, are running violet very close.

THE BOYS AND GIRLS.

THIS COLUMN IS PREPARED SPECIALLY FOR THE YOUNG.

PETE, THE TRAMP CAT.

He Won the Good Opinion of Grandma and Hannah.

Pete was a very black tramp cat, and nobody but Ethelwyn loved him, because he mewled continually, and in such a mournful, half-starved fashion, that he did no credit whatever to his good care after he came to grandma's house.

"I don't like animals around that look and act as if they were half-starved," said grandma, who was not given to starving anyone or anything as Pete well knew. But he kept on mewling so dolefully that Ethelwyn, who was visiting grandma when she saw the old lady begin to fidget and look under the table, would jump



Illustration of a black cat sitting.

down and take Pete out to the summer kitchen and shut him in. Although she kept his saucer full of milk there to comfort him, they would still hear him faintly crying.

"He isn't a mite of good," said Hannah, the kitchen girl. "I don't believe he's stopped mewling long enough to catch a mouse."

"Oh! I must see him," said Ethelwyn. "He isn't so bad after all, something. I don't stay to see what cause I run to."

"No, he isn't good for much, I dare say," said grandma. "But Ethelwyn loves him, so I suppose we'll have to stand him."

Ethelwyn felt very happy when she heard this, for she had been afraid Pete had habits would get him into trouble. "I'll take him upstairs with me tonight," said grandma. "I'm sure I'll find a mouse gnawing in the closet tonight, and we'll see if Pete can do anything besides cry."

"Oh! I'm sure he'll catch it!" said Ethelwyn, and she talked to him about it that afternoon, and was quite sure he understood by the way he looked. Pete seemed to like grandma's room, with its bright open fire and brass fender, and he purred contentedly when Ethelwyn laid him gently down on the fluffy rug in front of the fireplace; then she jumped into her own little bed beside grandma's big one, and they both went off sound asleep.

In the middle of the night, though, Pete opened his eyes; there was a faint scratching in the closet that interested him so that he never thought of sleeping, but stole quietly up, and when a little gray mouse peeped out, Pete's black paw shot out suddenly and knocked it senseless. He had a great frolic then, knocking it around like a gray ball, but by and by something happened in the grate, and out came a live coal over the fender, and onto the fluffy rug, and then it smoked and smoked. Pete knew something was wrong, so he opened his mouth and mewled his loudest; grandma did not seem to notice him at all, but Ethelwyn sat straight up in bed and said, "Oh, Pete, dear, what's the matter? You're crying, aren't you?"

"Oh, grandma," said Ethelwyn, jumping out of bed, "he's the dearest, smartest, and grandest cat you ever saw, and he's crying because he can't find a mouse to eat. He's crying because he's hungry, and he's crying because he's cold. He's crying because he's all alone, and he's crying because he's so tired. He's crying because he's so sad, and he's crying because he's so lonely. He's crying because he's so much in love with you, and he's crying because he's so much in love with me. He's crying because he's so much in love with you and me, and he's crying because he's so much in love with you and me."

"That's a fact," said grandma, laughing. "I'm much obliged to Pete all around, and he shall have cream to-morrow for his little black feet, for if he hadn't waked you we might have been burned up!"—N.Y. Recorder.

Two "Stupid" Boys. Mr. Dawson, the master of a famous preparatory school in England, used to declare that the two most stupid boys he ever had in his classes turned out to be the brightest men of the day. They were stupid at first, and there was another one who was yet more hopeless, and was unable to grasp simple addition and multiplication. At last at Rugby, one of the boys rose like a rocket to every kind of studies, and the other became a great financial minister of after years. In the time he distinguished himself at Oxford University. He became known in the world as Dean Stanley. The other stupid boy, "more hopeless" than he, afterwards developed a phenomenal mastery of arithmetic. He became the great financial minister of after years. In the time he distinguished himself at Oxford University. He became known in the world as Dean Stanley. The other stupid boy, "more hopeless" than he, afterwards developed a phenomenal mastery of arithmetic. 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LOCAL NEWS.

J. Mann, Souris, was in the city last week.

Rev. Mr. Gaetz went to Regina Friday last.

Miss Mabel Hooper is going to her home at the coast shortly.

A. C. Frazer & Co. report their spring opening a magnificent success.

Mr. O'Brien, of Hartney, spent some days in the city last week.

Miss Flaws, of Rapid City, is in the hospital here for the second time.

A. E. Hill, Griswold, was in town last week. So also was Allan Young.

J. Hopkins & Son, of Hartney, have sold their general store to H. C. Humelin, of Laurier.

Rev. H. P. Widden, of Morden, and Rev. Lehigh, city, exchanged pulpits on Sunday last.

Mr. Bedford addressed a meeting of farmers at Melita on Friday last on "Fruit and Flowers."

Stewart Robinson, of Wawanesa, has taken to himself a wife. It is never too late to mend.

"Laurier's coming in," sings the London Advertiser. Somebody must have told him it was raining.

The Rev. Mr. Brakenhire preached two good sermons in the Congregational church on Sunday last.

Miss Harrison is now teaching a shorthand class Tuesday and Friday evenings at the academy.

Mr. James Browning, ex-Reeve of the municipality of Daly, is rusticiating in England these times.

The man who is now in penitentiary because he raised a \$10 bill to \$100 has very little faith in the X raise.

"There's life in the bill," says Archbishop Langevin. Probably there is more life in the bill than there will be in the Act.

Mrs. F. Nation gave a skating party to a number of her friends Thursday last and a supper at her residence in the evening.

Dr. Fleming, of Brandon, made an official visit to Oak River on Saturday, to inquire into the cause of the spread of diphtheria at that point.

Mr. H. T. Munn, is making arrangements to take another trip to the far northern districts, to hunt Buffalo, Musk Ox and other big game.

Mr. J. W. Sifton has been elected Chief Templar of the I. O. G. T. order, this province. With this office and the well boring machine he will be kept busy.

His Grace the Primate gave two very eloquent and practical sermons in St. Matthew's church Sunday last, and confirmed a large number of members of the church.

John Malabar, at one time a grocer of this city, but lately of Winnipeg, has gone to Mexico for his health. Before leaving his Winnipeg friends presented him with a well filled purse.

J. H. McCune, lessee of the Hamilton creamery is adding more machinery and has engaged the services of a professional butter maker for the coming season.

O'Neil, the man who attempted suicide, as reported in our last issue, died on Sunday afternoon. Authorities say that he recovered it would be as a miracle only.

Tom Lee says he didn't hunt for a shannock on the 17th. He says it was the San man who put green glasses on his cow and fed her shavings from the carpenter shop.

We hear of wheat blockades on the G. N. W. C. R. and at several points on the C. P. R. The opening of navigation will call off when wheat will likely advance a little again.

The statement made last week that Parrish & Lindsay would close the lift-gate elevator on Saturday last, was not correct.

The rumor rose through Mr. Moody, one of the buyers, leaving the market on that date. The elevator is still open, and Mr. Parrish states, will be kept open to 1st July next.

The Gaylord Herald would up a compliment to a young schoolman with a good word about "the reputation for teaching she bears." The next day the schoolman met the editor and chased him down the street with a blue umbrella, and every jump in the road she declared that he had never taught a she bear in all her life.

What is likely to join Laurier in the coming elections.

Mr. W. H. Meredith has returned from a long visit to the east.

Mr. James Andrew Barker, of Oak Lake, was in the city last week.

Mr. Hay, inspector of the Imperial bank, is in the city going the rounds of duty.

The Express case at Wawanesa is now before the Supreme Court of Canada.

Just read what Wilson and Rankin have to say on our editorial page. It will pay you.

Dr. Montgomery, of Winnipeg, has imported a car of oranges from his farm in California.

Messrs. David, Cochran and Fleming of Deloraine, and E. Briggs, of Hartney, were in the city last week.

Mr. E. S. Phillips, at one time of the Merchants' bank here, is again in the city on business.

Miss Monteith has charge of the hospital during the three months' leave of absence of Miss McVicar.

Mr. J. McMichael is now moving his hotel and other business into the store lately vacated by A. Grant, grocer, in the McKinnon block.

Romanyi, the world's greatest violinist will visit Brandon about the 6th of May if \$200 can be guaranteed. Some friends are working it up now.

The Northwestern Sportsman is another publication published in Winnipeg. It is a very creditable magazine and should be well patronized.

G. A. Lipsett, at one time on consumption, at the residence of his brother-in-law J. M. Robinson, on Friday morning last.

Desjardins says the commission will accept no compromise on the school question that will not suit the minority, that is the Bishops of Quebec. This is a curious spirit in which to tackle this job.

Under the paternal care of Mr. H. T. Munn the Brandon junior hockeyists went to Winnipeg on Thursday last and trounced their rivals there in a score of 11 to 1 and got an oyster supper from Mr. Munn for their prowess. They, in turn, however, got beaten on the way back, at the Portage in 6 to 3.

It is generally thought "the wheel" will afford the principal amusement in Brandon the coming season, and football the country over. Baseball and hockey appear to have had their day. It is reasonable, however, to assume hockey will still hold its place in certain circles.

Murdoch Bros. are now snugly settled in the Durst Block, where they have everything in the house furnishing line that necessity or fancy can suggest from a broom to the largest cooking range. They are entirely out of the second-hand goods and have now everything new—furniture, crockery, stoves, etc.

The following placard, was recently found on a church door in a Montserrat town: "Notice—There will be preaching in this house, Providence permitting, Sunday, and there will be preaching, whether or no, on the following Sunday upon the subject: 'He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned at precisely half past three in the afternoon.'"

Mr. Wm. Ferguson has received the following communication which speaks for itself and a good deal for Mr. Ferguson.

Brandon, March 20, 1896.

Wm. Ferguson, Esq.,

Dear Sir,—It affords me much pleasure as the winner of the handsome cup and watch charms presented to the Brandon Curling club by Hiram Walker & Sons through you to return you the thanks, as I am informed, you made arrangements while in Walker-made to have the initials of the winners engraved on them. Thanking you on behalf of myself and Brandon curlers, I remain yours truly.

R. FORTUNE, Vice-Pres.

Mr. Willis, of Hamilton, brother-in-law of the young man, Jenkins, who shot himself at Mr. Nellie's place a few weeks ago, has spent some days in the city winding up the affairs of the defunct firm which had \$2,000 life insurance in the I. O. O. F. Mutual Aid association.

Two respectable farmers of the municipality of Daly were before our P. M. on a wood stealing exploit. The result was one was fined \$5 and costs to pay for the wood he took. It is really a pity some are not more particular when looking for their neighbors' boundary lines.

In the last issue of this paper an account of a police court trial appeared which we since learned is quite incorrect and calculated to misrepresent the facts of the case. The article was written by the complainant in the case and was inserted without the knowledge of the Editor—otherwise it would never have appeared. The true particulars of the case are as follows:—On the 11th of this month a man named McMullen agent for the Singer manufacturing Co. and formerly of the firm of D. Angus & McMullen and in company with another man named Wilkie went to the house of Mrs. Geo. Baragar of Routhwaite for the purpose of taking a sewing machine under a lien note. There was no person at the house except Mrs. Baragar and her daughter. Mrs. Baragar told McMullen that her husband had settled for the machine with an agent of the company at Brandon and forbade him taking it away. McMullen replied that he must take the machine unless she could produce a receipt in full and she being unable to do this he proceeded with Wilkie when he had brought along to assist him to take the machine by force. Mrs. Baragar tried to prevent him but McMullen determined to take the machine, took hold of her and flung her violently to one side and in doing so struck her on the nose causing the blood to flow profusely. Mrs. Baragar then went to the stove and taking a small pan of hot water, threw it on McMullen's head. This did not discourage him in his unmanly design and the machine was taken away to Wawanesa. McMullen then laid an information against Mrs. Baragar for assault. The trial took place at Wawanesa before J. M. Reid, J. P. The case lasted all the afternoon and a large

crowd of people were in attendance. Judgement was given in favor of the defendant. Mr. Coleman of Glenboro conducted the prosecution, whilst Mr. Bert Ingram of Henderson & Matheson's law office here defended Mrs. Baragar.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

The Manitoba Football Association is now an accomplished fact, after the meeting here last week. The difficulties which three months ago seemed almost insuperable have been overcome one by one, and last week the delegates from all parts of Manitoba by dint of hard work in three sessions, framed a constitution, drafted cap rules, decided upon a code of laws for the field and made a first draft of the districts. All this could not have been accomplished in this short space of time without the utmost good feeling by the representatives present, and the complete absence of any expressions likely to cause friction.

The morning session opened at 10:30 in the council chamber generously loaned by the city council at the request of the Brandon club. The following delegates were present: Messrs. Welliver, Neepawa; W. Logan, McGregor; Bawden, Ancrum; Wheeler, Austin; Shoemaker, Carberry; A. T. Boyce, National, Winnipeg; Cunningham, Poplar Point; A. Matheson, St. John's; past and present, Winnipeg; C. F. Travis, and W. M. Cushing, Elkhorn; Cook, Indian homes, Elkhorn; Newton, Routhwaite; S. Macdonald, Portage la Prairie; W. R. Harvey, Clement, Brandon; Buscariello, Souris; W. J. Grierson, Assiniboines, Alexander, Hunter, Hartney; Kenny, Chater, Shortreed, Melita.

The constitution as adopted is based upon that of the Western Canada association, with just a few improvements on the English laws. The laws of the game are probably as near the ideal as it would be possible to make them, and the arrangements for districts and final matches, equitable and with every eye to economy. Eight districts were finally determined upon as this number does away with the necessity of byes. The first draft of the districts is as follows:

No. 1—Winnipeg district; sub-division A, city of Winnipeg; sub-division B, teams in the counties of Lockwood, Woodlands and St. Andrews.

No. 2—Neepawa district. All clubs on the M. & N. W. R. and tributary thereto.

No. 3—Elkhorn district. Teams in counties of Wallace, Pipestone, Woodworth and Sifton.

No. 4—Central district. Teams in the Municipalities of North Cypress, North Norfolk and Portage la Prairie, or towns along the C. P. R. main line from Sewell to Poplar Point.

No. 5—Napkins district. Teams in counties of Arthur and Winchester.

No. 6—Boissevain district. Teams in the counties of Morton and Turtle Mountain.

No. 7—Brandon district. Teams in the Municipalities of Daly, Elton, Whitehead, Cornwallis, Glenwood and Oakland, district representatives to arrange sub-divisions.

No. 8—Cypress district. Teams in the counties of South Cypress, Argyle, South Norfolk and Lorne.

In the evening, the delegates and a large number of visiting friends participated in the hospitality of the Brandon club in the form of a sumptuous lunch and a feast of song and a flow of soul as follows: Chairman's address: Queen our country, A. E. Robinson; song, Mr. Carruthers; Our Guests, Mr. Newt n. Routhwaite, Mr. Cushing, Elkhorn; song, Mr. Boyce; banjo solo, "Jim"; Football association, Shoemaker, Carberry, Hartney, Winnipeg; song, Mr. Lower; recitation, Mr. Geo. Hall; sporting fraternity, Messrs. Clement, Lang, W. McDonald, S. Macdonald; song, Mr. Hooper; banjo solo, "Jim"; press, J. A. Osborne, of the Sun, C. Cliffe, of The Mail; Brandon club, Mr. Finlay, A. M. Matheson; song, Mr. Deane; Ladies, Mr. Henderson; "Auld Lang Syne." The singers were all encouraged and we might add, were the speakers, as it is seldom one has an opportunity to listen to so many well put, short, pithy addresses.

The afternoon of next day was spent in a friendly match by the visitors with the schools, the visitors winning.

VISIT OF THE PRIMATE TO ST. MATTHEW'S.

On Sunday morning last the Archbishop administered Confirmation in St. Matthew's church to about 50 candidates. Long before the time appointed

for Confirmation the church was filled to overflowing with a reverent and devout congregation. The service opened with the singing of the familiar hymn "All people that on earth do dwell" during which the Archbishop entered preceded by his Chaplain, the Rev. Edward Archibald. A special form of prayer was then presented with the apostolic portions of scripture appointed by his Grace being Acts VIII 14 to 16, XIX 1 to 3 and Hebrews VI 1 to 3. After the collect for the day, for Peace, and for Grace had been said, the wellknown hymn "Our Blest Redeemer ere He breathed" was sung with much feeling. Then commenced the Confirmation service proper, the lecturer reading the preface from the steps of the chancel. Before putting the question "Do ye here in the presence of God, and of this congregation, renew the solemn promise and vow made in your name at your baptism etc." and proceeding to the "Laying on of Hands" his Grace addressed the standing candidates with words of warning, exhortation and encouragement, concluding his remarks by requesting the whole congregation to kneel and join in silent prayer for those seeking the Apostolic and Primative ordinance of Confirmation. After a few minutes spent in solemn silence, the Bishop seated in his chair proceeded to lay his hands upon the head of everyone of the candidates kneeling before him severally saying "Defend, O Lord, this thy child (or this thy servant) with thy heavenly grace, that he may continue thine forever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until he come to thy everlasting kingdom. Amen." After the last candidate had returned to his place and the hymn "O Jesus, I have promised" had been sung the Bishop again addressed the candidates in a most affectionate and earnest manner, bidding them always to carry about with them the words of the Lord Jesus "Without me ye can do nothing," and also the words of the Apostle Paul "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The Confirmation hymn "My God accept my heart this day and make it wholly thine" being sung the Bishop concluded the service in the prescribed form pronouncing the Benediction from the steps to the Altar. During the singing of the popular hymn "Onward, Christian soldiers" the Bishop and clergy returned to the vestry and so ended one of the most impressive services ever held within the walls of the church.

In the afternoon the Archbishop addressed a large congregation at the children's service, and in the evening again preached to an overflowing congregation. His Grace wore the insignia of the Prelate of the Order of St. Michael presented by Her most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria.

The Archbishop has not completely recovered from his late illness but hopes he will be able to sail for England about the beginning of June to preach at the tercentenary of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, of which he is a "Fellow" and from which college he has received great assistance towards the work of the church in the Diocese of Rupertland for many years.

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SPEAKING ABOUT GROCERIES.



There are tricks in all trades. There are tricks in the Grocery business. There is one in particular that has been worked threadbare, it has been, and is being used right here in Brandon.

The trick we speak of, is that of cutting the prices on some articles below cost, to give the impression that all other articles are sold just as low. We want to say, that, taking quality into consideration (we generally mention "quality" because we sell nothing but the best goods), we can sell Groceries at as low prices as other stores can buy. We pick out no special article as a leader, the little prices we charge apply to everything in the store.

Canton Preserved Ginger, one pound stone pots 25c.

Pure Fresh Jam, seven pound pails 70c.

Gallon Tins Apples (just the thing for this time of year) 30c

Preserved Apples, three pound tins (first-class goods) 15c.

Preserved Apples, three pound tins (very fine) 17c.

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Peaches at 25c. per jar. They'll be gone in a few days and you'll be sorry you didn't get some.

Our Crushed Java and Mocha Coffee at 25c. per pound is giving great satisfaction. People who have a ways paid 40c. and 50c. per pound for their Coffee, are using it, and like it better than the high-priced Coffee.

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A Manitoba Blizzard

could not keep you away while there is such a war dance in prices. This is another case where manufacturers needed money, and we bought their stock for Cash at a lower price than they can make them. This enables us to sell at the following prices:

50 pairs Men's Kangaroo, Lace and Congress, J. & T. Bell make, \$1.00, now \$1.00; 50 pairs Men's Gait, Lace Razor Toe, Scotch web \$1.00, now \$1.25; 120 pairs Men's Scotch web medium Toe Lace and Congress \$1.50, now \$2.75; 60 pairs Men's Pat. Tip, Congress \$2.50, now \$2.50; 240 pairs Men's Lace and Congress, now and mail boot, \$3.00, now \$2.00; 120 pairs Men's Low Shoes, Tan and Black \$2.00, now \$1.50; 120 pairs Men's Lace and Congress \$2.00, now \$1.50; 500 pairs Men's Plough Shoes, Black Bellows Tongue, double sole \$1.00; 200 pairs Men's Hand-

made, Kip Plough Shoe \$2.00; 600 pairs Men's Red Harvest Shoes \$1.00, now \$1.00; 50 pairs Men's Black Harvest Shoes \$1.00 to \$1.25; 120 pairs Ladies' Tan Slippers with Bow \$1.00; 120 pairs Ladies' Tan Oxford \$1.00; 150 pairs Ladies' Fresh Kid Oxford, J. & T. Bell's make \$1.50; 300 pairs Ladies' Oxford, Pat. Tip and Facing \$1.00; 60 pairs Ladies' Dongola, Kid, Button Boots \$1.50; 200 pairs Ladies' Prunella Slippers, elastic in front 50 cents; 300 pairs Ladies' Tweed Slippers, Congress, elastic in side 60 cents; 300 pairs Ladies' Slippers, elastic in front 25 cents; 700 pairs Child's Tan, Strap Slippers, sizes two to seven 25 cents; 300 pairs Child's Tan, Strap Slippers, with heel sizes eight to ten 35 cents; 200 pairs Tan, Strap Slippers, with heel sizes, eleven to twenty 50 cents; 120 pairs Child's Genuine, Dongola, Kid, Button and lace spring heel, size two to six 50 cents; 60 pairs Misses' Lace Pebble, sizes eleven to twenty \$1.00 and \$1.25; 120 pairs Misses' Button Pebble, sizes from eleven to twenty \$1.25 and \$1.50; 120 pairs Boys' School Boots, sizes one to five \$1.25; 120 pairs Youth's School Boots, sizes eleven to thirteen 80 cents; Bell, King & Matheson's \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 shoes; W. L. Douglas's \$3.00 and \$5.00 shoes; the Sole Shoes, Chicago; the State & Sons Shoes at Eastern Prices, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

Remember goods well bought are half sold. That is the music for this dance at the Corner of Seventh Street and Rosser Avenue, Brandon Man.

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